restriction on fares charged by air taxi operators.

Clash between captain and staff of Air India

824. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Air India flight bound for Rome was delayed at Delhi Airport following a clash between the Captain and Staff in March, 1993.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for repeated disruption of Air India flights by its employees over petty matters; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to strengthen the functioning of Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was a difference of opinion between the Captain and the Cabin crew on the issue of place of work of the Air Hostess on board the aircraft.

(c) and (d) This was a rare occurrance and s!eps have been taken by Air India to prevent recurrence of such cases.

Selling Different Tourist Destinations Assegments

825 DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to undertake an aggressive market'ng cam paign to sell different tourist destinations in India in segments instead of selling India as a destination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of the fact that India is too large a country to be marketed as a whole, 11 circuits and 6 destinations have been identified in the National Action Plan for intensive development and marketing.

(c) Does not arise.

New flights between Sri Ganganagar and Abohar

826. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to introduce air service between Sri Ganganagar and Abohar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Vayudoot flights from Bhatinda and Lal Garh (Sri Ganganagar) to Delhi have been discontinued;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to restart these flights for the conveyance of the people of that area; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Service to Bhatinda was discontinued owing to inadequate traffic-Vayudoot never operated service to Sri Ganganagar. Resumption of service to Bhatinda or providing airlink to Sri Ganganagar is not possible for Vayudoot at present for commercial and operational reasons.